

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Gustavsson	Confirmation No.:	8456
Appl No.:	10/575,982	Group Art Unit:	1791
Filed:	December 26, 2006	Examiner:	Mark Halpern
Title:	SUPPORT BODY, HOLDING DEVICE THEREFOR, APPARATUS WITH SUCH BODY FOR TREATMENT OF A WEB, METHODS OF FORMING AN EXTENDED NIP IN THE APPARATUS AND CONTROLLING LOAD IN THE NIP		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2009, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 34-58, Group II, namely Claim 59, and Group III, namely Claim 60. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 34-58) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the common features that are shared by independent Claims 34, 59, and 60 include more than just the features said to be the "special feature linking the inventions" as set forth in the Office Action on page 2. In particular, the Office Action asserted that the special feature linking the inventions is "a support body having two side surfaces facing each other, is arranged to be moved in an opposite direction and is elastically deformable".

However, independent Claims 34, 59, and 60 have further features in common. Thus, all these claims recite that the support body has two side surfaces connecting to the contact surface (which is one of the surfaces forming the extended nip), and a bottom surface facing from the contact surface. The claims also indicate that the contact surface and bottom surface are part of the elastically deformable support body.

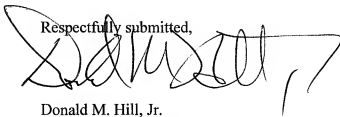
Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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